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19 October 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Operations Group  
Chief, Production Group  
Chief, Analysis Group  
Chief, Daily Reporting Division  
All Bureau Chiefs

FROM:   
Senior Requirements Officer, LRB

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SUBJECT: Law of the Sea (U)

1. This memorandum updates the collection requirement on Law of the Sea and advises of the continuation of the JPRS Worldwide Report on Law of the Sea. (U/FOUO)

2. For internal control purposes we have assigned this requirement FBIS Collection Requirement  This rescinds FBIS Collection Requirement  dated 12 March 1979, same subject. An ODU version of the requirement is attached for use by foreign national employees in the bureaus and JPRS contractors. (U/FOUO)

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3. The next meeting of the Law of the Sea Conference will be held in December 1982, probably in Caracas. Delegations to the Conference will sign the Final Act, which adjourns the Conference, and at the same time the Law of the Sea Convention will be opened for signature. For some countries, signing the Convention merely places them under some obligation to do nothing contrary to the letter and spirit of the Convention; their ratification of the Convention, which would bind them to the provisions of the Convention, requires further governmental action and would come, if at all, sometime in the future. For other countries, signature and ratification are one and the same. The United States, which voted against adoption of the Convention because of displeasure with its seabed mining provisions, has announced that it will sign the Final Act but not the Convention. (U/FOUO)

4. Because of continuing high-level interest in Law of the Sea issues, FBIS has agreed to continue the JPRS Worldwide Report on Law of the Sea through the end of calendar year 1982. In January 1983 LRB will contact the offices responsible for this topic for a new determination on the future of the Worldwide Report. (U/FOUO)

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5. Production Group officers should continue sending to JPRS items for inclusion in the Worldwide Report. (U)



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